

MULTIPLE CHOICE:

1. In "The Pit and the Pendulum," the narrator is eventually saved when:
  - A. he has the rats chew away his bonds so that he can escape.
  - B. he escapes the dungeon by crawling through the rats' well.
  - C. he throws himself into the pit, causing his captors to free him.
  - D. the French army arrives and defeats the forces of the Inquisition.
2. Why is the narrator tried and found guilty by the Inquisition in "The Pit and the Pendulum"?
  - A. The narrator does not provide the answer.
  - B. He was a political prisoner.
  - C. He is a Muslim and thus a heretic.
  - D. He had murdered a priest.
3. Which of these is not part of the ordeal in "The Pit and the Pendulum"?
  - A. Walls close in on the narrator, forcing him into the pit.
  - B. Hungry rats eat the narrator's food.
  - C. Water is taken away from the narrator and the food is made particularly pungent.
  - D. The narrator is refused bread and water.
4. What is at the bottom of the pit in "The Pit and the Pendulum"?
  - A. Fire
  - B. Rats
  - C. Spikes
  - D. Water
5. At what is the pendulum aimed in "The Pit and the Pendulum"?
  - A. His eyes
  - B. His stomach
  - C. His heart
  - D. His neck
6. Who has imprisoned the narrator in "The Pit and the Pendulum"?
  - A. The French army
  - B. The Toledo police
  - C. The Spanish army
  - D. The Inquisition
7. How big does the narrator estimate his cell to be at the beginning of "The Pit and the Pendulum"?
  - A. 25 yards
  - B. 50 feet
  - C. 100 feet
  - D. 50 yards

TRUE or FALSE:

- T or F 8. The prisoner is in Madrid.
- T or F 9. The prisoner is a victim of the inquisition.
- T or F 10. The prisoner has been sentenced to life in prison.
- T or F 11. The prisoner gropes around his cell trying to find a way to escape.
- T or F 12. The smell of decay is coming from a corpse.
- T or F 13. The prisoner realizes the water in the pitcher is drugged.
- T or F 14. On the ceiling is a figure of an angel.
- T or F 15. The figure on the ceiling is holding a swinging pendulum.
- T or F 16. Rats help the prisoner help escape the pendulum.
- T or F 17. The prisoner is saved the French army at the end.

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18. What phenomenon does the narrator discuss in great detail?
- A. the subconscious
  - B. swooning
  - C. human suffering
  - D. painless death
19. When the narrator wakes up, what does the narrator think he is in?
- A. a tomb
  - B. a wooden box
  - C. a wall
  - D. a coffin
20. After the narrator passes out for the first time, what does he find on the ground?
- A. a letter and a rope
  - B. a loaf of bread and water
  - C. a blanket and soup
  - D. his knife and some bread